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FM AMCONSUL ASMARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3049

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

USCINCEUR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0997

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: ASMARA SIT REP

REF ASMARA 991

1. THIS PARA IS BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE. ON EVENING OF 26 DEC., 1ST DIV GARRISON AT TRACT C WAS ATTACKED BY ELEMENT OF ELF/PLF. SOURCE REPORTS 1ST DIV HAD ABOUT 60 CASUALTIES. THE SAME EVENING, ABOUT 2000 HRS, 5 SOLDIERS WERE GUNNED DOWN IN DOWNTOWN ASMARA. SAME SOURCE CONFIRMS REPORT THAT A NUMBER OF ARRESTED STUDENTS HAVE BEEN HUNG AND SHOT WHILE IN JAIL OVER PAST SEVERAL DAYS. SOURCE CONFIRMS EARLIER REPORT THAT ELF/PLF HAVE ANNOUNCED 1800 HRS CURFEW TO GET POPULACE OFF THE STREETS AND OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE. SOURCE REPORTS THAT OMER HANGELE, WHO WAS HUNG ON EVENING OF 23 DEC ALONG WITH FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY, WAS AN ELF COLLABORATOR. SOURCE REPORTS THAT SOME MEMBERS OF COMMANDO POLICE OUTSIDE OF ASMARA DEFECTED TO ELF/PLF ON 23 DEC, AND THAT THIS

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WAS FOLLOWED BY ARMY GOING ON ALERT. COMMENT: THIS WAS PROBABLY

REASON FOR VISIT TO ASMARA OF ETHIOPIAN POLICE COMMISSIONER.  
END COMMENT. SOURCE ALSO REPORTS THAT DIRG HAS CALLED MEETING  
OF GOVT DISTRICT OFFICIALS ON 28 DEC. HE BELIEVES MAJ MENGHISTU  
HAILEMARIAM WILL SPEAK AT THE MEETING.

2. CONGEN IS CALLING AMCITS AND ADVISING THEM TO STAY OFF THE  
STREETS AFTER SUNDOWN.  
PERRY

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